GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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INVITATION TO NGOS BY US PRESIDENT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US President has extended any invitation to Indian NGOs to participate in a conference slated to be held in America;

(b) if so, the details thereof, NGO-wise; and

(c) the way these NGOs are likely to be benefited?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) The US Government invites from time to time individual citizens and Non Governmental Organisations to participate in conferences relating to their areas of specialisation and expertise. These invitations are extended directly to the concerned individuals and organisations. Government, therefore, is not in a position to keep record of all Non Governmental Organisations and individuals invited to participate in conferences and other events abroad, including in the United States.

(c) Participation by individuals and NGOs in international conferences can contribute to enhancement of their knowledge and skills, which could benefit them in their work consistent with national laws and development goals.